



Date: October 17, 2003
To: Members of the Marine Advisory Commission
From: Mark A. Sandoval, Manager of Marinas and Beaches
Subject: MEETING MINUTES OF October 9, 2003
MARINE ADVISORY COMMISSION (MAC)

Commissioners Present

Michelle Spence, Chairwoman
Richard L. Miller, Vice Chair
Mike Reed
Holly Carpenter
Mike Malbon
Bradley Whyte
Harry Hutton
Robert Weeks
Mike Vescovi

Marine Bureau Personnel

Mark Sandoval, Manager, Marine Bureau
Doug Parsons, Superintendent, Marine Bureau
Vivian Crook, Secretary, Marine Bureau

City Staff

Ramon Arevalo, Supt., Marine Maint.
Mark Boone, Chief, Lifeguards, LBFD
Tim O'Donnell, LBPD Sgt., Marine Patrol
Dennis Eschen, Mngr., Plan. & Devel., PRM
Jeff Edwards, Supt., Beach Maint.
Steven Neils, Park Ranger
Robert Lafoon-Villegas, City Council, 3rd Dist.

Commissioners Absent

Guests

Bud Johnson, former MAC commissioner
Will Hayes, LBSM boatowner
Carl Kirnbauer, LBMBOA
Mike Lesener, ABM boatowner
Amy Bently-Smith, Grunion Gazette
Paul Bruel, LBMBOA

Chairwoman Spence convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m., at the Long Beach Yacht Club.

ROLL CALL

Mark Sandoval called the roll of commissioners and introduced Marine Bureau personnel, City staff and guests.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- The September 11, 2003 MAC minutes were reviewed and approved as submitted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

BUREAU MANAGER'S REPORT

Marina Operations Report

Doug Parsons gave the Marine Bureau Major Accomplishments, the Activity Report for ABM/LBSM, and the Total Vessels In and Out by Marina for the month of September.

- Doug Parsons remarked that the number of slip vacancies needed for the LBSM renovation has been attained. LBSM may be able to begin filling slips that come open, now that they have their quota set aside for the rebuild.

Maintenance Operations Report

Jeff Edwards gave the Marine Maintenance status report for the month of September.

- A23 rest room in ABM has been renovated.
- The holiday tree program will begin soon.
- The debris barrier system at the entrance to Rainbow Harbor is being renovated.
- Maintenance is in the process of installing a debris barrier system, very similar to a fishing net, at the dock behind Parkers' Lighthouse.
- Jeff Edwards said that he would include volunteer hours worked for Maintenance in the next report.
- A rolled metal style fence has been installed at End Beach. The goal of this fence is to prevent pedestrian access to the protected portion of the north end of Marine Stadium, while only minimally impacting the view corridor.

Marine Safety Report

Lifeguard Chief Mark Boone gave the Marine Safety status report for the month of September.

- The Offshore National Races will be held November 11, 14, 16, 18.
- Marine Safety will be the lead agency in developing and implementing a public safety/public education program, working with the Surgeon General's office and FEMA. The aim is to get Federal Grant monies to run the program.

Marine Patrol Report

Sergeant Tim O'Donnell reported on Marine Patrol activities for the month of September.

- The Marine Patrol Division will participate in the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday.
- The Police Department is working towards finding a solution to the problem of the homeless population in the downtown area.
- The Winter Program is in effect for the marinas. Marine Patrol is performing courtesy checks of vessels and calling boatowners in order to get the marina ready for winter.
- Marine Patrol officers will be trained in Verbal Judo the first two weeks of March.
- The Long Beach Marathon is being held this weekend.
- The Red Tag program has just been completed in Basin 3.

OLD BUSINESS

- None

NEW BUSINESS

- Mark Sandoval reviewed the Marine Stadium Special Event Policy. He remarked that a public address system was approved for use at the XGames by Councilman Colonna and Phil Hester.

Chairwoman Spence said that the rules for Marine Stadium had been approved by the MAC. She also said that use of the PA system for rowing events should remain at the normal hours.

Mark Sandoval remarked that changes to the rules have not been signed off by Phil Hester as yet.

Chairwoman Spence asked that the MAC members review the rules and email her with any questions. She said that this item will be re-reviewed at next month's meeting.

Executive MAC

- Vice Chairman Miller reported that the Recreation Committee will meet with MAC to review the use of barbeques on the beach. He said that the MAC will need stats from Marine Safety covering any incidents that may have occurred at Mother's Beach or the Colorado Lagoon. Geoff Hall will facilitate the discussion and evaluation by the commissions.
- Geoff Hall will bring a report on the Dog Zone to next month's MAC meeting. There have been some glitches, however, Jeff Edwards reported that the users have done a good job of removing dog waste.

Operations Committee

- Councilman Baker has asked that the MAC review the issue of motorized scooters on the bike path. Sergeant O'Donnell is looking into the enforcement aspect. This issue will be on the agenda for next month's MAC meeting.

Facilities Committee

Commissioner Reed reported on the Facilities Committee issues:

- Commissioner Reed said that he met with Mark Christoffels of Public Works. He remarked that Public Works has implemented many changes in procedures, and that they are moving in the right direction.
- Mark Sandoval reported that three engineering companies will bid for the LBSM rebuild job. He stated that the MAC will be represented before a decision is made.

Rules and Regulations Committee

Commissioner Malbon reported that a meeting was held with Doug Parsons and Laurie Little revisiting the existing rules and regulations with respect to enforcement and consistency regarding the new marina. There are still several more meetings to be held, and any changes will come before the Operations Committee for review. The members of the R & R Committee include two from the LBMBOA, two from the MAC, one from LB Yacht Sales, and Marine Operations and Marine Maintenance staff. Commissioner Malbon remarked that, fundamentally, the rules as they exist are pretty good.

Mark Sandoval said that staff is looking at storage of items on the gangways. A question was asked about fair enforcement of the rules. Mark responded that for years the Marine Bureau did not have staff resources to enforce the rules. He said that enforcement is not selective and that staff is moving from gangway to gangway. Ultimately, every gangway will be reviewed.

Commissioner Hutton suggested that the Red Tag procedure be noticed in the Marina Reader.

Finance and Information Committee

- Next meeting, December 11, 2003, at 2:00 p.m.

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- Mark Sandoval asked that the MAC meeting for November be moved back to the 20th, as he will be attending an industry conference the week prior.
- The MAC Operations Committee meeting will also be moved back a week, to November 19th.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

- None.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next meeting is set for November 13, 2003, at 2:30 p.m.